

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences August 28, 2009 Decision on Appeal. In the decision, the Examiner's decision to reject claims 1, 4-6, 8-18 and 20-22 was affirmed. The Examiner's decision to reject claims 2 and 3 was reversed.

In this Amendment claims 1, 3-5, 8-10, 12-14, 16, 17 and 20 are amended as further discussed below. Claims 2, 15, 21 and 22 are cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, the rejected subject matter of claim 2 having been reversed on appeal.

Claim 2 is cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend for amended independent claim 1.

Claim 4 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2, the rejected subject matter of claim 2 having been reversed on appeal.

Claim 5 has been amended to be consistent with amended claim 4.

Claim 6 is allowable based on dependency from allowable base claim 4

Claim 8 is amended to be consistent with amended and allowable base claim 4.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, the rejected subject matter of claim 2 having been reversed on appeal.

Claim 10 has been amended to be consistent with amended and allowable base claim 9.

Claim 12 has been amended to be consistent with amended and allowable base claim 9.

Claim 13 has been amended to be consistent with amended and allowable base claim 9.

Claim 14 is amended to include the limitations of claim 2, the rejected subject matter of claim 2 having been reversed on appeal.

Claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 16 has been amended to be consistent with amended and allowable base claim 14.

Claim 17 has been amended to be consistent with amended and allowable base claim 14.

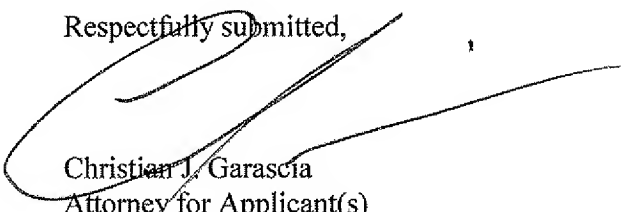
Claim 20 has been amended to be consistent with amended and allowable base claim 14.

Claims 21 and 22 are cancelled without prejudice.

It is submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the Application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the Application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the Application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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